

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 5, wherein the throttle means ~~(12, 112)~~ is adjustable by the ~~higher~~ second brewing pressure.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 5, wherein the motion means includes a spring ~~[[19]]~~ having a force greater than the ~~lower~~ first brewing pressure exerted on the throttle means ~~(12, 112)~~, but smaller than the ~~higher~~ second brewing pressure.

5. (Currently Amended) A coffee machine, comprising:

a brewing means for preparing at least a first coffee beverage at a first brewing pressure and at least a second coffee beverage at a second brewing pressure, the second brewing pressure being higher than the first brewing pressure, the brewing means being connected via an outlet line to a tap opening;

a throttle means which is provided in the outlet line and which is adjustable between a first flow cross-section and a second flow cross-section, the first flow cross-section being greater than the second flow cross-section, and the throttle means being adjustable by the action of the brewing pressure, wherein the throttle means includes:

a piston with a piston surface and a sealing surface, the piston surface adapted to be actuated by the brewing pressure for moving the piston in one direction and ~~The coffee machine according to claim 3 wherein the piston (16, 116) has a~~ the sealing surface (22, 122) adapted to close ~~closing~~ the larger flow cross-section~~[[.]], and~~

a motion means for moving the piston in a direction that is opposite to the one direction.

6. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~3~~, and 5, wherein the piston provides a passage (24, 124) defining the second flow cross-section ~~smaller passage cross-section is assigned to the piston (16, 116).~~

7. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 5, wherein the ~~smaller~~ second flow cross-section is defined by a permanently open passage (24, 124) and the ~~larger~~ first flow cross-section by the permanently open passage (24, 124) and a closable flow path ~~[[(21)]]~~ surrounding the permanently open passage (24, 124).

8. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 5, wherein the throttle means (12, 112) includes a housing ~~[[(13)]]~~ having an inlet ~~[[(14)]]~~ and an outlet ~~[[(15)]]~~ in which ~~[[a]]~~ the piston is movable with ~~[[a]]~~ the piston surface ~~[[(17)]]~~ facing the inlet ~~[[(14)]]~~ and with ~~[[a]]~~ the sealing surface (22, 122) which ~~faces~~ facing the outlet ~~[[(15)]]~~, the sealing surface and is engageable with a sealing seat (23, 123) to at least partially define ~~defining~~ the ~~larger~~ first flow cross-section, a flow path ~~[[(21)]]~~ being provided between the inlet ~~[[(14)]]~~ and the sealing seat (23, 123) between the outer surface of the piston (16, 116) and the inner surface of the housing ~~[[(13)]]~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 6, wherein the passage ~~[[(24)]]~~ is a through-hole extending through the piston ~~[[(16)]]~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 6, wherein the passage ~~[[(124)]]~~ is formed by at least one passage opening between a sealing surface ~~[[(122)]]~~ provided on the piston ~~[[(116)]]~~ and an associated sealing seat ~~[[(123)]]~~.